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Early week prices were higher on all sizes in all areas except New York where prices were unchanged. As the week progressed prices were higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on the mediums. The market tone was steady to firm with larger sizes in the strongest position. Demand continued in a full range of light to good. Supplies were sufficient to tight with the lighter weights in the longest position. Breaking stock prices were unchanged on nest run and higher on checks and undergrades. Offerings were tight to barely adequate with many breakers reporting reduced breaking schedules for the remainder of this week and possibly next week as breaking stock continues limited. Demand was good. Floor stocks tight to in close balance. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm. Prices of light type fowl was unchanged compared to last week. Offerings were tight to unavailable as strong egg markets cause producers to adjust and hold laying hens. Removal prices were generally steady at 8 to 12.5 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were up one cent for large. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Cartoned egg demand ranged light to at times good with planned feature activity still providing the best interest. Food service movement was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to in good balance for medium and small and usually tight for the larger sizes. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged with checks and undergrades higher. Offerings were tight to barely adequate with many breakers reporting reduced schedules for the remainder of the week and possibly next week too as breaking stock continues limited. Demand was good. Floor stocks tight to in close balance. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	89-98	92-95
LARGE	88-96	89-94
MEDIUM	84-92	87-89

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,
Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however the larger sizes were trending higher. The market tone was fully steady. Demand into all outlets was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to close for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were short to adequate for the fair demand. Light type hens were about sufficient for processing requirements.

RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	93-107	96-100
LARGE	89-104	94-98
MEDIUM	84-99	89-91

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ,
Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

24-Oct-03

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	94.00	92.00	84.50
SOUTHEAST	92.50	90.50	84.00
MIDWEST	90.50	88.50	84.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	94.00	95.50	87.00
COMBINED REGIONAL	92.81	91.83	85.00

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	10-28-03	10-21-03	10-29-02
Large	71-75	67-71	45-48
Medium	67-71	63-66	36-40

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-OCT 27, 2003

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/

(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	5-Area Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	11.0	15.3	8.6	14.0	12.3	61.2
	Change	-1.8	-2.6	0.0	0.0	0.7	-6%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	30.2	48.6	12.5	24.0	39.7	155.0
	Change	5.2	-7.7	-3.4	5.8	4.0	3%
Large	Curr Wk	59.4	107.4	96.4	103.5	121.1	487.8
	Change	8.1	9.1	8.1	26.3	1.4	12%
Medium	Curr Wk	13.2	46.3	20.4	20.6	27.8	128.3
	Change	0.6	-4.2	3.4	2.6	-0.8	1%
Small	Curr Wk	4.5	6.2	2.4	6.2	4.1	23.4
	Change	-0.3	0.6	-1.7	0.3	2.1	5%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.6	19.7	8.6	11.0	5.6	49.5
	Change	-0.4	3.5	1.6	2.0	-0.3	15%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	27.1	23.6	15.6	23.9	34.1	124.3
	Change	9.1	-1.2	-2.3	-1.9	3.2	6%
Total	Curr Wk	150.0	267.1	164.5	203.2	244.7	1029.5
Percent	Change	16%	-1%	4%	21%	4%	7%

TOTAL Number of Cases Percent Change Number of Cooperators

Shell Egg	1029.5	7%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	212.0	-10%	36
Total Shell Egg	1241.5	4%	207

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 171 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Processed Eggs: Weekly Eggs Processed Under Federal Inspection**WEEK ENDING 25-OCT-03**

(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)				
	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,206,006	31,193	10,139	5,575	2,198	4,041
PW	1,217,401	30,792	10,632	5,762	2,286	4,102
LYR	1,190,127	29,978	9,999	5,364	2,364	4,201
% CHG PWK	-1	1	-5	-3	-4	-1
% CHG LY	1	4	1	4	-7	-4
2003	50,242,084	1,226,512	457,365	248,889	101,956	180,134
2002	52,028,858	1,210,508	501,032	269,301	123,578	184,693
% CHG YTD	-3	1	-9	-8	-17	-2

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.24	42.13	41.63
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.89	38.76	38.10

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	Oct 18	Oct 25	Oct 18	Oct 25
	Thousand			
AL	*28,282	26,822	*20,649	21,380
AR	28,862	29,106	*23,755	23,230
DE	3,531	3,233	4,189	4,359
FL	1,365	1,353	*1,876	1,506
GA	29,461	28,898	*24,134	24,391
KY	*5,370	6,025	*5,488	5,352
LA	3,782	3,691	3,896	3,578
MD	8,005	7,808	6,308	5,727
MS	16,983	17,287	*14,526	14,925
NC	16,677	17,291	13,790	13,225
OK	*6,037	6,505	*4,197	3,966
PA	*3,457	3,582	*2,521	2,616
SC	3,907	4,206	3,685	4,040
TX	12,863	12,978	11,954	11,758
VA	6,378	6,670	5,069	4,415
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*15,133	14,953	*14,211	14,160
19 State Total	*190,093	190,408	*160,248	158,628
Previous Year Total	185,654	181,106	155,782	157,001
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	105	103	101

* Revised

Broiler/Fryer: Weekly Fryers Available for Marketing Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for the marketing during the week ending 6-Dec-03 is estimated at 146.8 million head. This compares to 146.4 million head the previous week and to 146.7 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 153.8 million head and the composite weighted average price was 53.14 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 10/23/03-10/29/03

CURRENT LDS		FUTURE LDS		TOTAL LDS	
55.50		58.25		113.75	
SE		NE		MW	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	80.00	—	81.17	82.50	13.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	72.00	5.00
GL W J	—	—	95.00	97.00	3.00
GL W XL	—	94.00	88.94	90.96	36.50
GL W LG	—	95.55	84.00	90.21	33.50
GL W MD	—	—	80.67	82.67	10.75
GL W SM	—	—	58.50	60.00	6.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	82.00	2.50
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	80.20	27.75
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	80.86	1.75
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	3.00

SHELL EGGS: Weekly Movement of Eggs into Retail Channels

Week ending 25-Oct-2003

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS		CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PCT CHG	
				PW	LY
ATLANTA		23.8	24.9	-4	6
BOSTON		3.6	3.0	20	0
CHICAGO		49.4	46.6	6	18
DETROIT		27.8	26.7	4	17
KANSAS CITY		2.5	8.2	-70	-51
LOS ANGELES		94.3	91.6	3	10
NEW ORLEANS		6.4	9.2	-30	-35
NEW YORK		28.6	27.3	5	-15
ST. LOUIS		17.5	15.4	14	15
SAN FRANCISCO		22.2	22.7	-2	-1
TOTAL		276.1	275.6	0	5
4 WK MVG AVG		279.1			

MISC. POULTRY: LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 25-Oct-2003

	YOUNG HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	1,801	3,022	78	0	4,901
AVG WT	16.04	34.33	26.61	0.00	27.49
LAST WEEK	1,876	2,896	51	0	4,823
SAME WK YR AGO	1,812	2,972	59	15	4,858
AVG WT	15.76	35.23	26.22	25.77	27.83
TO-DATE/2003	80,127	117,298	2,706	563	200,694
TO-DATE/2002	78,814	117,988	2,305	399	199,506

TURKEY: Weekly Turkeys Slaughtered in Federally Inspected Plants

Week ending 25-Oct-2003

(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)

—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD BANDED		TOTAL TURKEYS	
THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	THOUSAND	HEAD	AVG	
HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	THOUSAND	HEAD	LIVE WT	
N EAST	944	12	21.41	(A)	944	21.41
SATL	914	7	27.97	(A)	914	27.97
N CENT	2,171	-1	31.29	(A)	2,171	31.29
S CENT	382	-19	22.96	(A)	382	22.96
WEST	490	7	24.98	(A)	490	24.98
U.S. TOTAL	4,901(B)	2	27.49	0	4,901	27.49
TO-DATE						
2003	200,131(B)				563	200,694
TO-DATE						
2002	199,107(B)				399	199,506

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 78,000 for the year 2,706,000; last year to date.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 25-Oct-03
(PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	159,099	1,137	1,383	2,520	429
AVG WT	5.25	3.44	7.95	5.92	6.84
LAST WEEK	157,115	1,164	1,378	2,542	408
SAME WK YR AGO	158,649	1,842	1,530	3,372	379
AVG WT	5.22	3.49	7.91	5.50	6.80
TO-DATE/2003	6,613,830	62,617	60,306	122,923	17,766
TO-DATE/2002	6,688,770	75,661	60,753	136,414	18,102

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 161 million head or 2.7 million head more than or 102% of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 01-Nov-03

CLASS	Current Week 11/01/03(1)	Previous Week 10/25/03
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
BRO-FRY	163,565(2)	160,301
LT HENS	1,294	1,239
HVY HENS	1,422	1,431
TOTAL	166,281	162,971

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 01-Nov-03 is 157.2 million head compared to 157.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 163.9 million head or 6.7 million more than estimated available. For week of 08-Nov-03 the estimated available is 154.5 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO**ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
SEPTEMBER 20	157.9	158.4	100%	5.30
27	162.0	159.4	102%	5.24
OCTOBER 4	160.2	158.9	101%	4.99
11	158.0	158.6	100%	5.14
18	159.0	158.1	101%	5.26
25	161.0	158.3	102%	5.25
YEAR TO DATE	6694.2	6757.3	99%	
NOVEMBER 1		157.2		
8		154.5		

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers f.o.b. and Delivered to First Receivers at major market areas week of 10/27/03-10/31/03 (cents per lb.)

U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG
Chicago	53.00-56.00	56.78	38
Los Angeles	73.00	70.62	71
New York	58.00-61.00	58.86	21
			61.01
			58

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

Change from			
27-Oct-03	20-Oct-03	20-Oct-03	28-Oct-02
64.04	0.22	63.82	52.93
NUMBER OF LOADS	633		

MONTHLY WTD AVG PRICE FOR R.T.C. BROILER/FRYERS

MONTH	WEIGHTED AVERAGE	LOADS
OCTOBER	63.59	2831.80

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-71	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-72	66.5-72	70.90	100
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-71	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	63-67	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	63.5-65.5	63.5	63.50	20
WESTERN REGION	64-65	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F.

2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting.

4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting.

5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - (INCL GOVT STOCKS)
SELECTED STGE CENTERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 10/27/03	3,561	189,245	48,238
AM 10/01/03	5,164	205,956	49,344
CHG	-1603	-16711	-1106
PCT CHG	-31%	-8%	-2%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 27-Oct-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	6-9 CENTS/LB.	8.25-8.5	8.39
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	6.5-11.25 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.71

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

LIGHT TYPE 24-Oct-03 Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

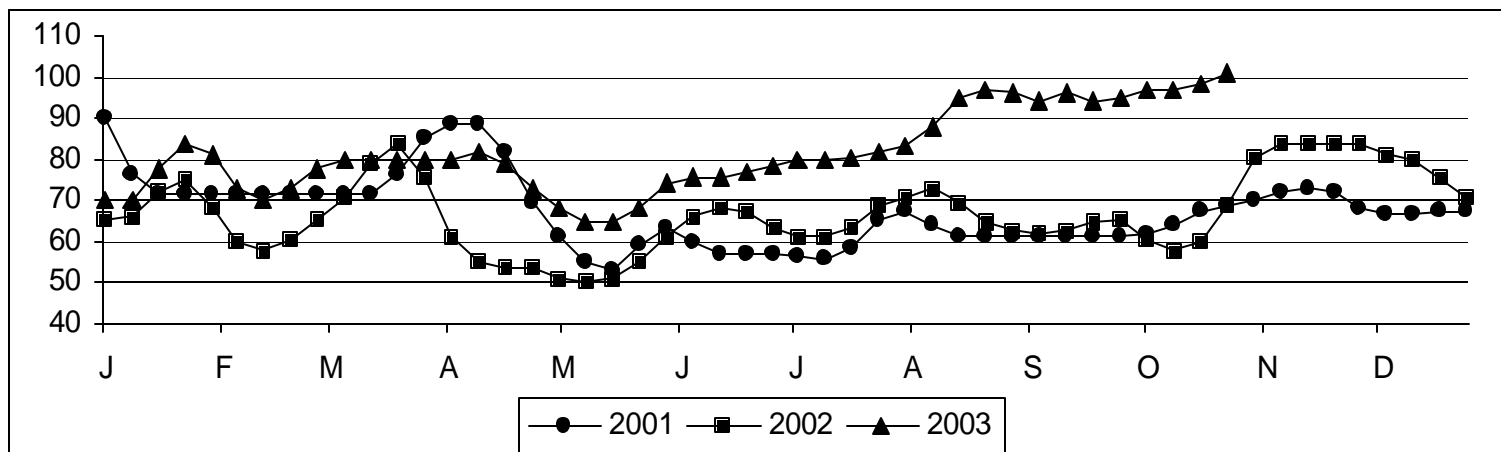
	RANGE	MAJORITY
<u>Eastern</u>		
Removal Cost	0-12	10-11
<u>So. Central</u>		
Removal Cost	Too Few To Report	
<u>No. Central</u>		
Removal Cost	8-12.5	10-12.25

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

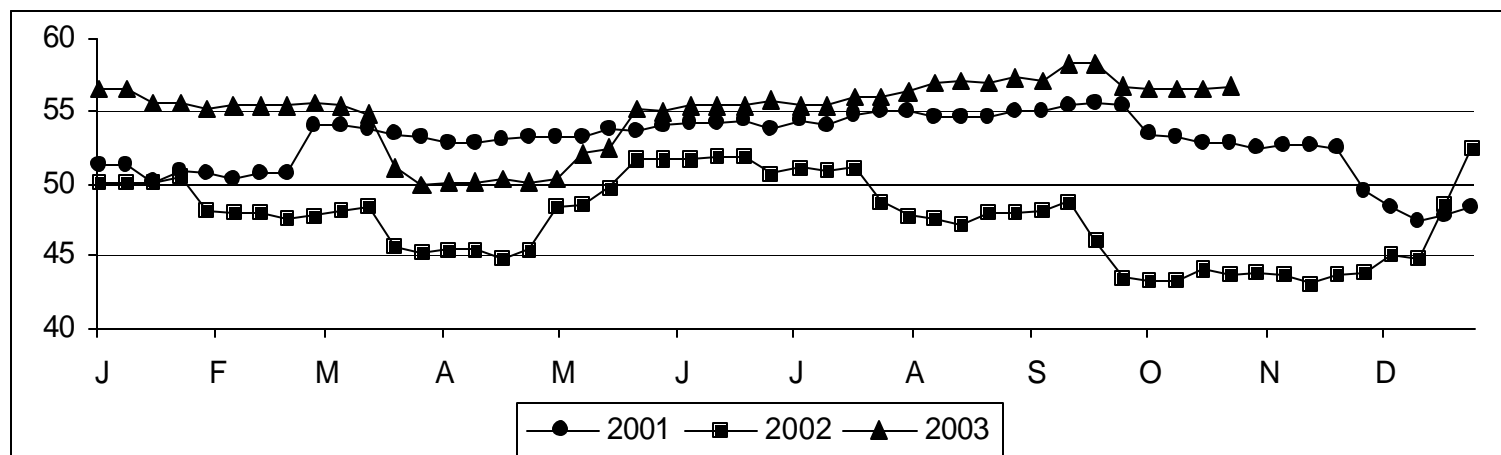
W/E 25-Oct-03

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	211.5	-2	-9
E.N. CENTRAL	540.1	0	-1
W.N. CENTRAL	280.0	2	5
S. ATLANTIC	183.8	-2	11
S. CENTRAL	112.3	5	25
WEST	192.2	4	3
TOTAL	1519.9	1	2
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		86	86

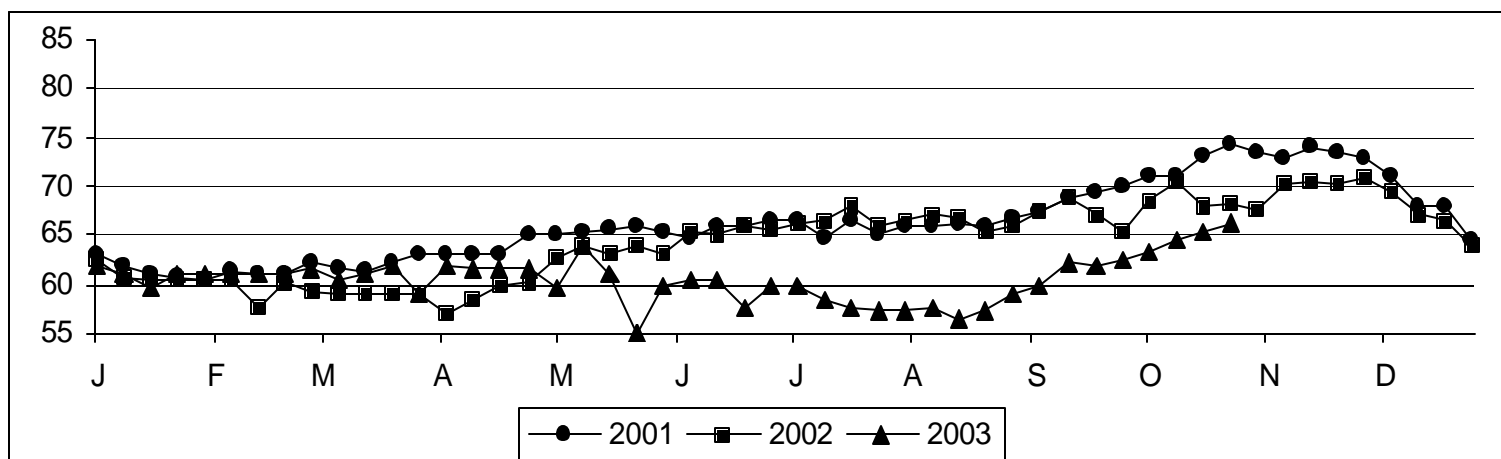
New York Large Weekly Average Price Cents per Dozen



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices Cents per Pound



Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys Cents per Pound



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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